GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3124
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LAW COMMISSION S RECOMMENDATIONS ON EVE TEASING
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has made any recommendations on eve teasing, assault, harassment of women in working and public places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) and (b) : The Law Commission in its 172nd Report on `Review of Rape Laws` has recommended changes for widening scope of the offence in Section 375 and to make it gender neutral. Various other changes have been recommended in Sections 376 and 376A to 376D and insertion of a new Section 376E dealing with unlawful sexual contact, deletion of Section 377 IPC and enluincement of puriishment in Section 509 of IPC. They have also recommended changes in the Code of Criminal PrOcedUre, 1973 and the Indian Eviqence Act, 1872. The Law Commission`s recemmendations to insert a neW Section 376E is with a view to cover a wide variety of offences including sexual harassment of women at workplaces.

(c) Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the Report has been examined in consultation with the State Governnents, that a final decision is yet to be taken and that the implementation of the recommendations is subject to Government taking a final view on the recomniendations, introduction and passage of amendment Bill in the Parliament, for which no time frame can be fixed.